

**2021 Organizational Meeting  
And Regular January Town Board Meeting  
January 6, 2021 6:30pm – Town Hall**

Work session began at 6:30pm with Councilman Mohun, Frounick, Waite and Gadd auditing the vouchers.

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:44pm; Supervisor Grant asked that Councilman Frounick lead the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Acknowledgment of Oaths of Office by Board Members & Elected Officials**

**A. Salaries, Fees & Financial Matters:**

2021 Town Salaries:

Supervisor	\$ 5,300.00
Town Councilmen 4 @	1,944.00
Town Justice 2 @	7,000.00
Highway Superintendent	62,000.00
Town Clerk/Collector/Registrar	16,000.00
Dep. Town Clerk	15.00/hr.
Budget Director	550.00
Town Assessor (sole)	40,860.00
Office Clerk	13.25/hr.
Planning Bd/Zoning Bd of Appeals member	25.00/mtng.
Planning Bd/ZBA Chair	30.00/mtng
Planning Bd/ZBA/Assess. Review Secretary	13.25/hr.
Bd of Assessment Review Members	13.25/hr.
Court Clerk	8,000.00
Town Bookkeeper	4,800.00
Town Custodian	2,000.00
Town Historian	235.00
Attorney for the Town of Bennington	as per voucher
Town Park Maintenance Person	5,250.00
Prosecutor	4,000.00
Dog Enumerator	1.50 per dog
Motor Equipment Operator (PT Seasonal)	12.50/hr.
Water System Operator	16.00/hr.
Asst. Water Syst. Operator	15.00/hr.
WSO/Assist WSO Emerg. Call Out	3.00/hr. premium
Water Clerk	600.00
Swim Instructors	15.00/hr.
Lifeguards	15.00/hr.
Youth Recreation Coordinator	500.00

Fees:

Sale of Zoning Books	50.00
Tower Special Use Permit Fee	\$2,000.00
Building Permit fee for Towers	
First 100 feet	\$1,000.00
Next 100 feet (or part thereof)	600.00
Each 100 feet thereafter or part thereof	400.00
Co-location Application fee	\$1,000.00
Co-location Building Permit fee	\$1,000.00
Park Rental	50.00
Park Security Deposit	50.00
Copies of official documents	.25 per page

Official rate for Mileage while on Town Business: .45 per mile

Banking Accounts:

General Fund Checking	Five Star Bank
Highway Fund Checking	Five Star Bank
Trust & Agency Account	Five Star Bank
Town Clerk Account	Alden State Bank
Tax Collector Account	Five Star Bank
Justice Court Funds	Five Star Bank
Cowlesville Water District	Five Star Bank
Certificates of Deposit	Banks with the best interest rate

Authorized Personnel to Maintain Banking Accounts:

General Fund/Highway Fund/Cowlesville Water Fund/Trust & Agency Account – Ellen Grant and Bernard Frounick, authorized signers; Ellen Grant and June Spencer authorized electronic/wire transfers.

Town Clerk and Tax Collector Accounts – Carolyn Busch, authorized signer  
Justice Court Funds – Mark Linsey and James Wawrzyniak, authorized signers

**B. Notice of Meeting Dates, Times, Locations, and other legal notices**

Official Meeting Dates:

Town Board	Second Wednesday 7:30 pm at Town Hall, with workshop session beginning at 6:30 pm November meeting will take place the first Wednesday following Election Day.
Planning Board	Third Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals	First Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, as needed
Official Election Places	District #1, 2, and 3 – Bennington Town Hall

Official Newspaper for Legal and Official Notices – The Daily News, Batavia NY  
Official Bulletin Board for posting of Town Notices – Town Clerk’s, Town Hall, Bennington Center, NY

**C. Appointments:**

Appointments:

Attorney for the Town	David DiMatteo
Deputy Town Clerk	Denise Kless
Historian	Lesá Van Son
Registrar	Carolyn Busch
Bookkeeper	June Spencer
Budget Director	Ellen Grant
Town Prosecutor	James Wujcik
Court Clerk	Christa Dake
Planning Board Chairman	Robert Gadd
Secretary, Planning Board	Donna Hummel
Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals	Vicky Kantor
Town Hall Custodian	Carolyn Mruczek
Office for the Aging Representative	Faith McQueen
Town Park Custodian	John Perl
County Planning Board Represent.	Robert Gadd
Assessor	James Kirsch
Water System Operator	Mark Pruitt
Deputy WSO	Keith Borden
Water Clerk	Judith Brown
Clerical Aide	Judith Brown
Deputy Supervisor	Michael Gadd
Chairman of the ZBA	David Best

Supervisor Grant asked for a motion on A, B & C

Motion by Mohun; seconded by: Waite

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

**January Town Board Meeting Agenda**

Financial Matters

General Fund vouchers #1 to #8 \$47,133.26

Highway Fund vouchers #1 to \$7,668.84

Cowlesville Water vouchers #1 to \$129.20

Wyoming Cty. Treasurer 2020 bill for Time Warner \$1,282.86

Motion by Gadd; seconded by Frounick

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain:0

Absent:0

Financial Reports – No report at this time was given. Supervisor Grant will have for the next meeting.

Transfers within 2020 accounts

<b>General Fund</b>		
To:	A1355.2 Assessment Equipment	5,570.00
	A1410.1 Town Clerk Personal Services	1,353.00
	A1650.4 Central Communications Contr.	114.00
	A1670.4 Central Print & Mail Contractual	331.00
	A5010.1 Highway Admin Pers. Services	1,961.00
	A7510.1 Historian Pers. Services	235.00
	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage Contractual	596.00
	A9060.8 Hopsital & Med. Insurance	1,192.00
		11,352.00
From:	A1650.2 Central Print & Mail Equipment	5,500.00
	A1990.4 Contingent Account	5,852.00
		11,352.00
<b>Highway Fund</b>		
To:	DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual	46,750.00
	DA5148.1 Serv for Other Gov - Pers Srv	16.00
	DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual	730.00
From:	DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual	46,766.00
	DA 5142.1 Snow Removal Pers. Services	730.00
<b>Cowlesville Water</b>		
To:	SW1-8310.4 Admin Contractual	222
	SW1-9730.7 Bond Antic Note Interest	4170
From:	SW1-8320.4 Source of Supply - Contr.	2285
	SW1-8310.1 Admin. Pers. Services	141
	SW1-8340.4 Transmission Contractual	1966
		4392

Motion by Gadd; seconded by Waite

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Abstain:0                      Absent:0

Vote approval from the Board asked to pay the Fire Districts (Benn. & Varysburg)

Motion by Gadd; seconded by Mohun

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Abstain:0                      Absent:0

Minutes of previous Town Board Meeting from December regular meeting.

Motion by Mohun; seconded by Waite

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Abstain:0                      Absent:0

Correspondence: Nothing from the Town Clerk. Certificate of Insurance from Reserve gas. Note from Selective Insurance regarding policy changes.

Hear Public Concerns & Petitions

**Departments:**

Clerk – December Report and Year End Reports were given to the Board members and explained, no response from the NYS Thruway Authority yet.

Assessor – Answering a lot of questions on tax bills.

Highway – Resident from Blood Rd. not happy about highway trucks going down their road. Crews are working on ditching since there hasn't been much need to plow and salt roads. Judy Brown will work as an office assistant to the Highway Superintendent.

Park/Recreation – Nothing to report.

Water District – Water Operator is looking for a good metal detector.

**Old Business:**

Zoning Officer services: Supervisor Grant checked with other Towns to see what services and wages are for their ZO. Darien ZO earns \$10,556K a year. Supervisor Grant spoke with Don Roberts and he would be willing to come out and speak to the Board as to the change in the fees that they planned on charging Bennington. Discussion held on dissolution terms in the contract. Councilman Mohun would like Atty. DiMatteo to review the contract before we sign. Councilman Gadd would like to make a motion to pay the voucher in February, but not sign the contract at this time. Councilman Waite seconded; All ayes carried. He would also like Don Roberts come to the workshop meeting in February.

Attica Central School BOE meeting at Town Hall on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Does the Town Board approve that they use the Town Hall to hold their meeting? Yes

**New Business:**

The Court Clerk was out with COVID in December. The Supervisor would like the Board to know that she will turn in a voucher for 2020 to be paid at the next meeting.

Discussion on whether we can have an electronics pickup later this year.

Discussion on dismantling the transfer station and selling the compactor now that a full year has passed and the program is going well.

Councilman Mohun asked questions regarding the Zombie Law and whether the Town can penalize or take people to Court. Supervisor Grant said they should bring this to the County next month to ask.

**Any other Business to Come before the Board/County Matters:**

The Supervisor is still working on the COVID plan for the Highway Department. Once approved by the Board it will get sent to the Union.

Memo received from the County asking for volunteers to work at the testing/vaccination site in February. Update today testing clinic was held in Attica, 100 tested 7 positive and 50 no-shows. Testing will be conducted in the County on Wednesday's. The County has voiced concerns regarding school testing capabilities. Tuesdays and Thursdays are vaccination clinics, and services will be expanded soon as more residents become eligible to receive it. Hospital staff is stretched thin at the County. They have been working double shifts to handle the influx and testing of patients.

Councilman Mohun asked when the Union contract comes up to bid? End of 2022.

Adjournment by Mohun at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Busch  
Town Clerk